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The New Year is beginning on a very positive note, more positive than most of us would have guessed. And as always when the world takes a turn for the better, when it achieves some unforeseen escape from a horrible turn of events, and we look for the source of its salvation, it turns out to be - it's always the case - Hollywood.

After dire warnings for three decades that we, the planet, are on a certain course to doom, destined to fall into a blistering ball unfit for all human habitation, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which sponsors the revered Golden Globe awards, has laid on a course of action, joined by the altruistic superstars of Hollywood, that if successful, will not only stall a global-warming Armageddon, but see all of us on this Earth enjoy a healthier, cleaner, safer future. In the immortal words of Homer Simpson: Is there nothing that Hollywood can't do? The Golden Globes and all its attendees this year are going Green. And such is the sway of these celebrities that none will doubt that once the world takes note of their example, every man, woman and child on the planet will soon follow suit.

The key to their magnificent action is that this year, the banquet that precedes the giving of the awards will be entirely - no exceptions - vegan. Let that settle in your mind awhile to appreciate its full impact. There are other touches, but that Hollywood royalty are willing to break out the sesame seeds and tofu for one whole televised meal will undoubtedly shock the world into saving itself.

What wonderful people these actors are.

Celebrities will decline the usual stretch limousines, bespoke Rolls-Royces and Bentley chariots, in favour of making their way to the awards on pogo sticks, skateboards and pedicabs.

Can it be imagined what dedication it must take for an international film star, ordinarily flanked by a retinue of press agents, cosmeticians, nannies, gardeners, schedulers, accountants, private pilots, chauffeurs, bodyguards, stunt doubles and live-in hair advisory consultants, to decide to go full vegan for one whole dinner a year? Full vegan. One whole dinner.

Can you feel the power of that example? The self-abnegation for the greater good? Outside Foxe's Martyrology, or the early Christians walking into the roaring jaws of the lions in the Coliseum, there is nothing I can Hoover out of mind to go with it.

Who will be able to watch Christian Bale lashing into the beet soup and "roasted baby purple Brussels sprouts" and remain unmoved? Meryl Streep gnawing on a turnip and not feel the uplift of ten thousand sunrises and pledge to live differently from that day on? Samuel L. Jackson ripping into a beyond beef T-bone, the cast of the Avengers noshing on dandelions and charred pineapple. The Hulk and Thor bulking up on seaweed and pine nuts.

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From his super yacht, the fuel for which if diverted to agriculture could run every farm in Argentina, Leo Di C tweeted: "Thank you Hollywood Foreign Press Association!" Question. Will Leonardo give up meat for a night? As was said of old: No greater love hath a man than this, to lay down his sirloin for a cucumber sandwich.

This is the example the world has been waiting for. It's going to be a revolution.

I predict cattle in the fields, the sheep in the meadows, and the hens in the barnyard, all the world over will be weeping tears of gratitude to this stay of execution. Hollywood has left the Weinstein era; ingénues will now be offered roles only on the basis of their diets, starlets not measured by their physical attributes but by their taste in salads and knowledge of avocado spreads. This is the new Hollywood of cabbages and cornmeal, willing to risk iron deficiency and tofu breath just to save the world from itself.

I hope Greta is on hand - no longer the unhappy, panic-driven How Dare You truant, but swept by the wonder of this two-hour sacrifice into a new, all-smiling Anne of Green Vegetables, pigtailed a-sweep, weeping in wonder and thanks that her words have been heard by the very few who could actually act on them.

For years now we've heard that global warming calls for an effort like that of the allies in World War Two. I, to my shame, have even sometimes lightly mocked the notion. I take it all back.

The gallant infantry of Hollywood - Jim Carrey, Robert Downey Jr., Charlize Theron - the climate-change marines of Beverly Hills, are astir. For one whole night, exchanging beef tenderloin for broccoli stumps, spare ribs for beet hummus - if this is not a sequel to the heroic landings on the beaches of Normandy, I don't know what is.

Thus the global-warming crisis will be averted, Greta Thunberg will take a rest and go back to school, the IPCC can now dissolve itself, and Justin Trudeau can lift the divisive carbon tax.

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